Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The Director of Public Health must collect the license fee. Otherwise, they must be dealt with.

SHORANUR-COCHIN RAILWAY SERVICE—REPRESENTATION FOR COCHINITES

157. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of employees in the Shoranur-Cochin Railway ;

(*b*) of these, how many are Cochinites ;

(*c*) whether the S.I.R. Staff Selection Board did not select 400 hands during last year ;

(*d*) if so, how many Cochinites have been selected ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) Government have no information.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know whether the Government are gathering the information?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The information asked for must have a purpose in view.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Do Government think that absolutely no purpose is served by gathering the information on the subject?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes. Because these appointments are not within our control and we have nothing to do with them. When we have nothing to do with it what is the use of getting information.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* The Government should press that more Cochinites should be employed there.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* May I know whether the Port is not an autonomous body so far as this matter is concerned ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* We are upon Railway. *(Laughter).*

Mr. President: Then you put it in the amended form, that is all. *(Laughter).*

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